John L. Williams & Sons and W. J. Middendorf & Co. Out of Hands of Committee.

STATEMENT ON YESTERDAY

Advisory Board Meets and Dissolves and Trust Company Takes Charge.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BALTIMORE, MD., May 1.—The affairs of John L. Williams & Sons, of Richmond, and W. J. Middendorf & Company, of this city, to-day passed out of the hands of the Advisory Committee, which has had charge of the liquidation of the assets, into those of the Baltimore Trust and Guarantee Company, the committee being dissolved. The committee mittee being dissolved. The committee submitted a statement, showing that since the beginning of liquidation \$8,373,-000 has been paid to creditors, exclusive of certain contingent liabilities which have been settled in full. The Baltimore Trust and Guarantee Company, it is understood, has raised a fund of \$500,000 to take care of the remaining indebtedness. The Advisory Committee was formed October 1, 1903, after the two firms had gotten into difficulties over the Seaboard Air Line.

The following statement was given out this evening by Hon. Robert C. Davidson, chairman of the committee:

"To the Creditors of Messrs. John L. Williams & Sons, Richmond, Va., and Messrs. J. William Middendorf & Company, Baltimore, Md.:

"Gentlemen,—On the first day of October, 1903, the undersigned, at the requist of Messrs. John L. Williams & Sons, Richmond, Va. and J. William Middendorf & Company, Baltimore, Md., acquiexeed in by more than eighty percent. In amount of their creditors, undertook to supervise the liquidation of their indebtedness.

"Since that time the firms have paid to their various creditors \$3,300,073 exclusive of certain contingent liabilities not submitted a statement, showing that

"Since that time the firms have paid to their various creditors \$8,300,073 exclusive of certain conlingent liabilities not embraced in the original statement, which have been settled in full. The remaining indebtedness now outstanding is due to comparatively few creditors, with whom the firms are making satisfactory settlements in full, and the functions of the Advisory Committee are ended.

"The results accomplished would have been impossible without the intelligent co-operation and forbearance of the creditors.

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"We cannot too strongly commend the ability and energy of the firms, which have been devoted to the interests of their creditors in the face of difficulties which at times seemed insurmountable.

"Their embarrassment and the successful outcome have but emphasized and proclaimed their integrity, ability and energy, qualities which, we believe, will in the near future re-establish them among the leading factors in the development of the commercial and industrial interests of the South.

"Respectfully,"

"Respectfully, "Respectfully, "Robert C. DAVIDSON, Chairman; "DOUGLAS H. THOMAS, "DOUGLAS H. GORDON, "JOHN B. RAMSEY, "EUGENE LEVERING, Baltimore; "EPPA HUNTON, JR., Richmond; "FRANK O. BRIGGS, Trenton."

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Last night was given to oratoria, and Last night was given to oratoria, and the audience was entertained with Haydn's pastoral cantata, called the oratorio of "The Seasons." Mrs. Mary Hissem De Moss, soprano, took the part of Jane: Mr. Edward Johnson, tenor, took the part of Lucas, and Mr. Scott, the part of Simon.

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"The Seasons" is not dramatic and not intended to be, but it is fairly saturated with melody. There is nothing heavy in it, even the parts recitative being more or less melodious.

The composer did not intend that there should be brilliant gems here and there in a dark setting, but rather that the oratorio should be as a beautiful mosaic, the solos, the chorus and the orchestration blending in harmonlous completeness. The singers and the players fully comprehended this conception and interpreted the music with intelligence and expressed it in artistic execution. So thoroughly in accord were the soloists, the chorus singers and the members of the orchestra that there was no appearance of rivalry, but rather of friendly and sympathetic co-operation and honors were evenly, divided.

"It is proper, however, to say that Mrs.



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De Moss was the favorite. Her personal appearance is much in her favor, but in addition she has a rich soprano voice, thoroughly trained, thoroughly controlled, thoroughly trained, thoroughly meiodious. She threw much sentiment into the part and while showing all the emotion necessary, never once over sang or over acted the part.

Mr. Johnson's tenor is most pleasant to the ear. All his notes are musical and in one of the climaxes when he soared, the audience soared with him and when all were safely down without a note broken or split, there was an outburst of applause which sounded like an explosion. There was no fault with Mr. Johnson's singing, although he was lacking somewhat in tender grace.

Work of the Chorus.

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The chorus work was exceptionally fine, and Mr. Gookins has reason to be proud of his bright pupils. The several parts were well balanced and the volces blended beautifully. The hunting song was rendered in sporty spirit, and the laughing song was delightfully jolly. Some of the best critics say it is the best trained chorus the Wednesday Club has ever put on the stage. This critic does not propose to make comparisons, but there is no doubt that the chorus of 180s is firstrate, and its work last night was artistic and most enjoyable. The work of the orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Mollenhauer, was all that could be desired.

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The programme this afternoon follows:
Artials—Mme. Showell-Piper, soprano;
Ame. Isabelle Bouton, contralto: Sig.
Emillo de Gogorza, baritone; Children's
Chorus, Boston Festival Orchestra.
Programme—Overture, "Die Meistersinger," Wagner Orchestra; "Song of Vikings," Faning, Children's Chorus; Aria from "The Queen of Sheba," Goldmark, Mme. Isabelle Bouton; "A Dream," d'Amorosio, String Orchestra; "The Fairles," Hadley, Mme. Bouton, Children's Chorus and Orchestra; Aria, "Vision Fugilive," from "Herodiade," Massenet, Sig. de Gogora; "Be Giad, Lass and Lad," Gumbert, Children's Chorus; Aria, Mme. Shotwell-Piper; Excerpts from "Tristan and Isode," Wagner, Orchestra; "Wynken, Blynken and Nod," Nevin, Mme. Shotwell-Piper, Children's Chorus and Orchestra; Aria, Mme. Boutôn; Songs from Toyland," Herbert, Children's Chorus and Orchestra; Aria, Mme. Boutôn; Songs from Toyland," Herbert, Children's Chorus; March, "Slav," Tschalkowsky, Orchestra.

To-night's Concert.

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The programme to-night is:
Artists-Mme. Lillian Blauvelt, soprano;
Mme. Isabelle Bouton, contralio; Mr. Ellison Van Hoose, tenor; Mr. Frederic Martin, Basso; Wednesday Club and Boston
Festival Orchestra.
Programme: Part I — Overture,
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Couleigne, Elgar, Orchestra:
"The
Capulets Ball." from Romeo and Juliet,
Gounod, Mme. Blauvelt, Mr. Van Hoose,
Frederic Martin, Wednesday Club and
Orchestra: Aria, "Spinning Song." Lize
Lehman, Mme. Lillan Blauvelt, Aria,
"Yoir Gudelidest," Massenet, Mr. Ellison
Van Hoose; Aria and Chorus, Vour Home
Shall Be On This Bright Islo," from
Bride of Dunkerron," Smart, Mme. Lillian Blauvelt, Ladles Chorus and Orchestra: Hungarian Rhapsodle, No. 2,
Liszt, Orchestra.
Part II—Cantata, "The Swan and Skylark," Goring Thomas, Mue. Lillan
Blauvelt, Mme. Isabelle Bouton, Mr. Ellison Van Hoose, Frederic Martin, Wednesday Club and orchestra.

Automobile Stable.

Negotiations have just been closed for the building of an automobile stable and ahop on West Broad Street opposite Ben-nett's undertaking rooms for the hous-ing of a large touring car to be used in showing visitors around Richmond.



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JOHN F. WILSON'S BURNING

State Board of Education to Reduce Number of Colored Normals.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) RALBIGH, N. C., May 1.-The taking of evidence in the damage suit of Pe-gram vs. Seaboard Air Line for \$35,000 damages for the burning of John M. Wilson to death in the Hamlet compress fire high-priced-tailor-made-brother's in 1902, was concluded to-day and the so well you wouldn't notice the argument by counsel and the charge to the jury will take place to-morrow. An effort was made to show that the fire was from a spark from a wood-burning engine and the railroad company was

was from a spark from a wood-burning engine and the railroad company was therefore liable. On the other hand, the railroad company sought to show that such was not the source of the fire, and that even if it had been Wilson's act in rushing back into the compress after the fire, was started was wreckless and rash to a degree that relieved the company from liability.

The city election held to-day was the most quiet ever known in Raleigh, it being the merest formality for the confirmation of the nominations made in the recent legalized Democratic primary. James I. ohnson is mayor, W. W. Willson, city clerk; Thomas Badger, police justice, and John S. Jones, city tax collector. There was no ticket in opposition to any of the Democratic nominces. It seems settled now that the State Board of Education will soon make an order reducing the number of colored State normals from sour to two. Last year they were reduced from six to four. The schools now in operation are at Winston, Franklinton, Elizabeth City and Fayetteville: The board is convinced that concentration with more improved plants and apparatus is the solution of the problem.

A FIGHTING CHANCE.

Walter Edwards, a Richmond Favorite, Returns to the Bijou.

LEAD THEATRES ordingt-eBfc Walter Edwards is a favorite with the patrons of the Bijou, and last night when he appeared at that house in his new play, "A Fighting Chance," he was given a most hearty welcome by the usual Monday night audience, "A Fighting Chance" is a melodrama of the West. It is by no means an atmosphere plya, for the characters are not drawn from living types, but from the models in the playwright's shop—models that never become dusty for lack of use. It requires more than blue shirts, leather cartridge belts, and broad-brimmed hats, to give a play the color of the great West. The men and women must breathe of the soil, and not be merely the conventional types of melodrama.

However, as a melodrama, "A Fighting Chance" fills the bill, and the greater portion of the audience thoroughly enjoyed the play. The scenic effects of the third act are very good; in deed, ther is no fault to find with the manner in which the place is put one, except that everything looks a little too new just now, being too much like paint, and not benough like the roal thing. The company is quite up to the average.

"A Fighting Chance" will no doubt prove to have excellent drawing power at the Bijou this week, judging from its reception last night.

Hansford's Productions. Favorite, Returns to the Bijou.

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Few plays are as closely linked with the careers of really great theatric performers as "Don Caesar De Bazan." His achievements have been so celebrated, both in prose and in song, that an education in the history of the drama is incomplete without an acquaintence with nim. But it is to popular fancy that the character most powerfully appeals, and Mr. Charles B. Hansford's selection of this play as the subject of his latest spectacular revival is sure to meet with enthusiastic and universal approval. Mr. Hanford will again be accompanied by Miss Marie Drofnah, who will have the role of "Maritana." The production will be seen at the Academy of Music on Friday night, May 5th, also at the matines on Saturday. On Saturday night there will be a change of bill, and "Othello" will be the offering, with Mr. Hansford in the litle role.

wildburton, OKA, May 1.—It developed to-day that fifteen men were entombed in the Missouri, Kansas and Texas coal mine, No, 19., four miles west of here by the explosion yesterday. A rescuing party went into the mine to-day in an endeavor to reach the men. It is believed that all the entombed men were asphyxiated.

GONE TO HAMPTON. Ogden Party Visits the Normal

School There.

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Members of the Ogdon educational party who were unburt in the wreck on the Southern Saturday reached Richmond Sunday, spending the morning here and leaving in the afternoon for Hampton, where they will attend Virginia exercises to-day. A number of Richmond educators will go down on the 8:30 Chesapeake and Ohlo train this morning.

Those who stopped over here wers: Edward H. Clement, editor of the Boston Transcript; the Rev. W. C. Ditting, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Gates, of New York; Dr. E. S. Draper, commissioner of education, State of New York; Dr. E. K. Mitchell, of the Hartford Theological Seminary; Robert Preat Paine and the Rev. G. L. Paine of Boston; the Rev. H. B. Frissell, of Hampton; Mss Margaret W. Huntington, daughter of the Rev. Dr. W. R. Huntington, of New York.

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The board will, it is thought, get down to real work to-day.

JAPANESE DOUBT

MR. PURDY TO RUN.

Will Oppose Senator Hobbs in Twenty-seventh District.

Twenty-seventh District.

Hon, W. H. Purdy, former member of the House from Greenesville and Sussex countles, has antibunced his candidacy for the State Senate in the Twenty-seventh District, composed of the countles of Surry, Sussex, Greenesville and Prince George.

Senator A. R. Hobbs, of the latter county, is the incumbent, and is standing for re-election.

Mr. Purdy represented his district in

county, is the incumbent, and is standing for re-election.

Mr. Purdy represented his district in the House in the session of 1901-1902, and made a fine record for faithful service. Greenesville is laying claim to the senatorship this time, the other three having had it in the scheme of rotation.

The late Dr. M. Q. Holt, of Surry, was the nomlines years ago, though he was defeated.

The next senator was Hon. R. B. Hartley, of Sussex, and the seat is now held by Prince George. The race between Senator Hobbs and Mr. Purdy promises to be a pretty one.

Governor Improves.

C. & O. SUNDAY Seaside Outings Commence

Next Sunday, May 7th ROUND

_TO-NEWPORT NEWS, BUCKROE, OLD POINT, OCEAN VIEW, -AND-

NORFOLK.

FAITH OF FRANCE

Are Preparing to Renew Neutrality Question-Location of Russian Fleet.

SAIGON, FRENCH COCHIN, CHINA May 1,-The Russian squadron is lying off May 1.—The Russian squadron is fying offi-port Dayet, forty miles northfol Kam-ranh Bay, and in Blühkang Bay (near Kamranh Bay) outside of 'ferriforial wa-ters. Russian, German and Brillsh trans-ports are off Cape St. James, near Salgon, and in the Salgon River. The French naval division has been mobilized to pre-serve neutrality in French waters.

(By Associated Press.)

TOKIO, May I.—It is believed that Admiral Rejestvensky continues to use the ports of Indo-hina for the purpose of obtaining coal and other supplies and for maintaining communication with Bretersburg, and the Japanese press is again questioning the faith of the recent assurance of France. The government here is silent, but it is believed the ministers are preparing to renew the neutrality question with France.

COSSACKS FIRE

1 P M at the corner of Zlota and Sosnore Streets, when workmen fired from behind a wall at a patrol, which im-mediately opened fired on the passing crowds, killing or wounding twenty per-

The first bomb throwing occurred at 135 o'clock to-night, when a bomb was thrown into a Cossack patrol near the Vienna station. Three Cossacks and one policeman were killed and two women who were leaving the station at the time were severely wounded by the explosion of the bombs. Cossacks and infantry fired a number of volleys and it is reported that many persons were kill-

reported that many persons were killed or wounded. Troops surrounded the whole neighborhood. It had been impossible to the present time to secure accurate information as to the casualties in this affair.

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At 19:45 o'clock P, M. disturbances broke out at the Zombkowska gate of the suburb of Praga, across the Visula River. A great crowd had assembled there threatening the troops when Hussars fired upon the crowd and killed four and wounded many others. It was reported by telephone from Lodz this afternoon that a crowd there had stoned a military patrol, whereupon the soldlers lired and killed two men and wounded a boy. Later, a similar scene occurred in Balueki Square in Lodz, when two persons were killed. In Lodz also at 9 o'clock to-night a bomb was thrown at a patrol, but it was not effective. The patrol fired into the crowd and killed three and wounded two persons. A student who was distributing proclamations in Wola, a suburb of Warsaw to-night was killed by a patrol. In Nawrot Sireet, Warsaw, to-night a patrol killed a woman.

Situation Threatening.



bought the other kind.

WHEN CUPID COMES



drivers, firemen and porters having qui

BOMB EXPLODED.

Men Were Getting Ready to Use It When It Went Off Pre-

(By Associated Press.)

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ST. PETERSBURG, May 2-2:30 Å. M.—
A bomb exploded early yosterday morning in an apartment house room occupled by two men. Both of them were preparing the other was only slightly hurt. It is believed the men were preparing the bomb for use when it exploded. The Russian mining student named Dombinen, who arrived in St. Petersburg ton days-ago, occupled the room. He received a visitor on Sunday, who spent the night with himmen is under arrest. The evening papers do not mention the affair and the police are trying to keep it a secret.

Aside from the expected May day disorders in Poland, perfect order prevalled yesterday throughout Russia. Associated Press correspondents at Moscow, Odessa, Kleff, Minsk, Kisheneff and other points, state that Russians of all political faiths, devoted themselves to the customary hollday festivities with apparently no thought of disorder, and in St. Petersburg even the industrial quarter, which had previously been throbing with discontent, for the day took on the appearance of merry-making and feasting. Governor-General Tropoff, who is closely in touch with the situation, early realized the state of public feeling and, while he did not withdraw the troops or police from strategic points, issued orders that they keep out of sight and avoid any unnecessary display of force.

NORFOLK

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